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Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was mostly fair. In the parts complex, breast items were more than sufficient; tenders and wings were fully adequate to readily available. Drums, legs and thighs were in good balance to well cleared. Weights were mostly desirable.

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 15-MAR-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26-6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	40,986	84,915	23,056	17,420	166,377
WTAvg Live Wg	gt 3.78	5.40	6.84	8.25	5.50
Percentage of	total 25%	51%	14%	10%	100 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes		No. of Head	Percentage of
Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	<u>(000</u>)	Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,422	3.26
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	9,688	5.82
3.81 – 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	15,459	9.29
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 15 oz	10,417	6.26
		40,986	24.63

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

					Eggs Set		Chicks Place	ed Pre	elim. Fed. In	sp.	
Slaughter	Egg		Chicks		10 Weeks		7 Weeks	N	Million head		
Week	Sets		Placed		Previous		Previous		Slaughtered		
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**	
Jan 19	217,393	104	179,768	104	217,441	105	177,932	106	168,551	100	
Jan 26	218,132	104	178,806	104	216,134	102	176,696	103	159,983	95	
Feb 02	219,038	104	176,282	103	219,800	104	179,506	104	166,096	104	
Feb 09	212,295	103	176,724	103	222,116	104	180,139	104	165,446	100	
Feb 16	218,031	102	177,841	104	214,621	104	176,021	104	163,748	99	
Feb 23	219,325	102	178,465	103	217,794	103	177,800	103	166,700	102	
Mar 01	219,786	101	177,344	102	218,952	104	178,512	104	165,910	100	
Mar 08	218,613	101	179,194	103	218,967	104	178,783	103	164,514	99	
Mar 15	218,902	101	180,022	103	217,209	103	177,611	103	166,377	101	
	Data in bold	are subi	ect to revision	*Perce	ent of previo	us vear	**Percent char	ige from	previous w	veek	

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 03/24/08				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	75-78	76.60	78.81	76.83
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	73-76	74.75	77.24	75.19
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	90	89.17	88.24	83.33
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		78.16	81.15	78.71
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 8	31.50)	79.49	80.16	75.95
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day A	vg.	53.89	53.88	68.03

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast	Southern States	Georgia
Weekly Weighted Average	(Delivered)	(FOB)	(FOB)
	03/21/08	03/21/08	03/24/08
Breast – B/S	140.57	130.27	146.50
Tenderloins	134.21	129.38	173.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	80.17	80.09	84.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	44.20	40.59	44.00
Wings	120.28	101.18	121.50

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